

ABSTRACT

A system and method for managing information from a point-of-sale/usage device includes a remote computer in communication with a computer network, the remote computer having a database for storing information obtained from a point-of-sale/usage device, and a wireless data network in communication with the computer network. The point-of-sale/usage device includes a controller for managing operation of the point-of-sale/usage device and having memory for storing information related to the operation of the point-of-sale/usage device and information related to purchases of a product and/or service, an interface for transferring data from the controller and an Enabler device. The Enabler device includes a wireless data network transceiver linked to the interface, and a card reader in communication with the transceiver for entering credit card account information. The Enabler may also include a micro-controller, depending upon the configuration of the point-of-sale/usage device.

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